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SUBJECT: ISRAELI/IRANIAN RELATIONS

1. DURING MEETING WITH THE CHARGE AUGUST 9, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL AVINERI RAISED THE SUBJECT OF ISRAELI-IRANIAN RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT DESPITE THE LACK OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC TIES, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE GOOD AND THAT ISRAEL HOPES TO EXPAND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THIS, HE SAID, COULD INCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT.

2. AVINERI POINTED TO A RECENT EXAMPLE OF IRANIAN COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL. A SAMLL TANKER, ISRAELI-OWNED BUT WITH LIBERIAN REGISTRATION, WENT AGROUND OFF OMAN. THE CREW OF THE TANKER INCLUDED THREE ISRAELI NATIONALS, AND THE MFA WAS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THEIR TREATMENT WHEN THEY ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE CREW RESCUED AND TAKEN TO OMAN. HOWEVER, ALL CREW MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE ISRAELIS, WERE WELL TREATED AND WERE RELEASED WITHOUT DELAY TO THE IRANIANS, WHO SENT AN AIRCRAFT TO RETURN THE CREW TO IRAN. AVINERI SAID GOI WAS ENCOURAGED BY THIS EXAMPLE OF HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION.

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HE SAID THAT IT HAS NOT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND

THIS IS FOR THE GOOD BECAUSE PUBLIC ATTENTION WOULD EMBARRASS  
BOTH OMAN AND IRAN.

3. COMMENT: ISRAEL'S COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH IRAN ARE  
ALREADY EXTENSIVE, RANGING FROM EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC  
AND DESALTING EQUIPMENT TO HOTEL MANAGEMENT IN IRAN. THERE  
ARE ALSO PERSISTENT REPORTS OF TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS  
INVOLVING SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL AND IRAN.  
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